



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2026 - 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers 400 East Military, Fremont NE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Sookram called the Special City Council Meeting to order and stated that a copy of the open meeting law is posted continually for public inspection located near the entrance door by the agendas.

ROLL CALL Roll call showed Councilmembers Ganem, Lathrop, Vaughan, Marsh, Jensen, Peterson, Horner present. Von Behren absent. 7 Members present, 1 Member absent.

MAYOR COMMENTS: There will be no discussion from the Council or the public regarding comments made by the Mayor. Should anyone have questions regarding the comments, please contact the Mayor after the meeting

1. **Motion to adopt current agenda for the January 13, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting** Motion made by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to adopt current agenda for the January 13, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

2. **Resolution 2026-001 reappointing members to the Business Improvement District #1 for a two-year term** Motion made by Vaughan, seconded by Horner reappointing members to the Business Improvement District #1 for a two-year term. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: *All items in the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member or Staff so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.*

Motion made by Horner, seconded by Ganem to approve Consent Agenda items 3-5, 7-12, 14-17, 19-22. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0.

3. **Motion to ratify payments made from December 10, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and approve January 1, 2026 through January 13, 2026 claims and authorize checks to be drawn on the proper accounts**

4. **Dispense with and approve December 9, 2025 Board of Equalization and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**
5. **Motion to receive Report of the Treasury**
6. **Motion to receive the Animal Control report** Motion made by Jensen, seconded by Horner to receive the Animal Control report. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0.
7. **Resolution 2026-002 authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with Creighton University for paramedic student internships**
8. **Resolution 2026-003 authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with Metropolitan Community College for paramedic student internships**
9. **Resolution 2026-004 authorizing the Mayor to sign the new hangar lease for unit #16 with Brad Krudel at the Fremont Municipal Airport**
10. **Resolution 2026-005 authorizing the Mayor to sign Nebraska Department of Economic Development Security Agreement under Subaward Agreement Contract No. 24-11-317**
11. **Resolution 2026-007 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Front Line Mobile Health**
12. **Resolution 2026-008 approving the agreement with ChemTreat for the LDW Chemical Supply in the approximate amount of \$271,489 per year for three years**
13. **Resolution 2026-009 approving the three year contract with CityLogix for their Street Scan services and software in the amount of \$39,123 per year** Motion made by Horner, seconded by Lathrop approving the three year contract with CityLogix for their Street Scan services and software in the amount of \$39,123 per year. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0.
14. **Resolution 2026-010 awarding contract to Brimhall Industrial for U6-3 Feedwater Heater Retube in the amount of \$382,802.59 plus taxes and freight**
15. **Resolution 2026-011 authorizing the CPI Telecom Support Agreement for the Mitel administrative telephone equipment/server for the Dodge County Communications Center in the amount of \$3,446.25**
16. **Resolution 2026-012 authorizing the purchase of a Chevy Tahoe Police Patrol Vehicle (PPV) in the amount of \$55,150**
17. **Resolution 2026-013 awarding WWTP Boiler Replacement to Grunwald Mechanical in the amount \$147,098**
18. **Resolution 2026-014 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Artist Contracts for 2026/27 Installation and Display in the Fremont Sculpture Walk in the amount of \$1,000 per sculpture** Motion made by Ganem, seconded by Lathrop authorizing the Mayor to sign the Artist Contracts for 2026/27 Installation and Display in the Fremont Sculpture Walk in

the amount of \$1,000 per sculpture. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0.

19. **Resolution 2026-015 authorizing the City of Fremont to adopt the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan**
20. **Resolution 2026-016 authorizing the Mayor to sign annual renewal of Maintenance Agreement No. 11 between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the City of Fremont**
21. **Resolution 2026-017 awarding funding for downtown project for Downtown Revitalization Community Development Block Grant at 307 N Main St**
22. **Resolution 2026-018 authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2026 and 2027 Services Agreement with MainStreet of Fremont in the amount of \$10,000 per year**

NEW BUSINESS: Requires individual associated action

23. **Ordinance 5731 amending Chapter 5 of the Fremont Municipal Code as it relates to emergency snow routes (First Reading – Request to Suspend Rules and hold Final Reading)** Motion made by Vaughan, seconded by Ganem to hold first reading of Ordinance 5731 amending Chapter 5 of the Fremont Municipal Code as it relates to emergency snow routes. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0. City Clerk provided first reading of Ordinance 5731. Motion made by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to suspend the rules and move Ordinance 5731 to final reading. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0. City Clerk provided final reading of Ordinance 5731. Mayor Sookram called for a final vote on Ordinance 5731. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0. Ordinance 5731 is approved.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Horner, seconded by Jensen to adjourn; time: 7:27 PM. Voting Yea: Jensen, Ganem, Vaughan, Lathrop, Marsh, Horner, Peterson. Von Behren absent. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda posted at the Municipal Building on January 7, 2026 and online at www.fremontne.gov. Agenda distributed to the Mayor and City Council on January 7, 2026. This meeting is preceded by publicized notice in the Fremont Tribune on the last Thursday of the preceding month and the agenda, including any notice of study session or public hearing, is displayed in the Municipal Building and is open to the public. The official current copy is available at City Hall, 400 East Military, City Clerk's Office. The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. A copy of the Open Meeting Law is posted in the City Council Chambers for review by the public. The City of Fremont reserves the right to adjust the order of items on the agenda.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE FREMONT, NEBRASKA Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2026.